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SUBJ: EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR:
NEA REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 259921; STATE 263172

1. THIS POST IS AMONG THOSE AT WHICH CONSULAR OFFICER HAS SERVED AS NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR. IN SENSITIVE ATMOSPHERE OF DAMASCUS, CONSULAR OFFICER WAS AND IS ONLY U.S. OFFICIAL WHO CAN VISIT POLICE AND INTERPOL OFFICES WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION AND WITHOUT REQUESTING APPOINTMENT THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACTING IN THIS FASHION, CONSULAR OFFICER WAS RECENTLY ABLE TO ARRANGE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN SYRIAN NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES AND DEA AGENT FROM CAIRO. POLICE CONTACTS BY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING NEW NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR, WOULD ROUTINELY BE ARRANGED THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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2. DCM ROBERT PELLETREAU IS INDIVIDUAL NEXT MOST
FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS AFTER CONSUL AND WILL
SERVE AS POST'S NARCOITCS CONTROL COORDINATOR UNTIL
ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL POLITICAL OFFICER IN DECEMBER 1976.

3. PROVIDING AMBASSADOR HAS RETURNED TO POST AND CONCURS,
PELLETREAU WILL ATTEND REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE.
OTHERWISE, ANOTHER EMBASSY OFFICER WITLL BE DESIGNATED.
PELLETREAU

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